GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made arrangements for the procurement of wheat as per its support price particularly in the wheat procuring States; and

(b) if so, the targets fixed and the quantum of wheat estimated to be procured during the period of the new crop, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As the procurement operations are voluntary in nature and the farmers have the choice to sell their produce to State Government, Food Corporation of India; or in the open market,as is advantageous to them, no targets are fixed for procurement of wheat. However, based on the estimated production and availability of wheat, procurement estimates are given by the State Governments prior to the commencement of each Marketing Season. The estimated procurement of wheat during the current Rabi Marketing Season, 2000-2001 in the different procuring States is as under:

(Lakh Tonnes)

State	Estimated Procurement
Punjab	90
Haryana	30
Madhya Pradesh	6
Rajasthan	5
Uttar Pradesh	20
TOTAL	151